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ABSTRACT

An evaluative study was done of the supplemental education delivery system in reading and mathematics in the School District of the City of Saginaw (Michigan) at 28 schools. At the elementary school level the system includes push-in and pull-out programs in reading and mathematics and in reading intervention that served 2,494 students in grades one through six. At the secondary school level the system offers a self-contained classroom program for 838 students in grades 7 through 12 and a Thinking Skills Program for grades seven through nine. The program was assessed using a process evaluation involving monitoring throughout the year to determine if the program was being implemented as planned. The evaluation focused on supportive services using a questionnaire to gather information from 12 principals and assigned school social workers. Results found that successes included the following: (1) 41.2 percent believed the communication process for the program had improved; (2) the three most frequently mentioned activities/services of Project Success were after-school study centers (82.3 percent), mentoring programs (35.3 percent), and adopt-a-school (23.5 percent); and (3) 35.2 percent of principals rated their services either excellent or good. Appendixes contain the evaluation questionnaire, statistical information, program descriptions, and tabulated results of the questionnaire. (JB)

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The School District of the City of Saginaw operates a supplemental education delivery system in reading and mathematics consisting of two programs — elementary and secondary Compensatory Education (CE). The elementary CE is both a push-in program (that operates in the regular classroom in grades one and two) and a pull-out program (periodically taking students out of regular classrooms) that serves 2,494 students in grades one through six. The Reading Recovery program (a pull-out intervention in reading in grade one serving or having served approximately 100 pupils) is in its second pilot year. The secondary CE is a self-contained classroom program which involved approximately 838 students in grades seven through twelve. In its third year was the Thinking Skills Programs (TSP) that operated in grades 7-9 in a self-contained room setting. The CE programs are funded by both the Federal Education Consolidation and Improvement Act (ECIA) Chapter 1 and Article 3 of the State School Aid Act.

Summarized in the chart below are demographic characteristics that describe both the elementary and secondary levels of CE in greater detail.

The Thinking Skills Program (TSP) is the local name for the nationally validated Higher Order Thinking Skills (HOTS) program. See Appendix A for a checklist for middle school principals interested in HOTS for a further indepth operational description.

DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE COMPENSATORY EDUCATION (CE) PROGRAMS

Instructional Services	- Reading - Mathematics	- Reading*** - Mathematics***
Program Setting	Push-in (grades 1 & 2) in math) and Pull-out (grades 2-6 in math and grades 1-6 in reading.)**	Self-Contained Classroom
Number of School Sites	23	5
Number of Full-Time Classroom Aides	3.0	0.0
Number of Full-Time Equivalent Teachers	38.0	14.2
Approximate Number of Students Served*	2,494	838
Grade Levels Served	1-6	7-12
Program	Academic Achieve- ment, Elementary	<pre>Academic Achieve- ment, Secondary</pre>

^{*}Detailed counts by funding source, building, and grade can be found in Appendix B.

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^{**}The Reading Recovery Program (pilot) operated as a pull-out program in grade one.

^{***}The Thinking Skills Program (TSP) operated in grades 7-9 in place of a reading and/or mathematics program.

As can be seen from the chart above, the primary purpose of the programs is to improve the reading and mathematics achievement of a designated number of educationally disadvantaged children. The children in the program are screened for entry with the <u>California Achievement Tests</u>—Form E/F (CAT). Students were determined eligible for the CE programs if they scored at or below the 36th normal curve equivalent (NCE) on the reading and/or mathematics computation subtests of the CAT (this is equivalent to a score at or below the 25th percentile). This year approximately 3,332 pupils are participating in the compensatory education programs.

This year there were six other program components in addition to the basic CE programs that were added to the overall program. These components included the following: Home-School Aides; Staff Development; Pupil Service Team; Elementary After-School/Extended Day Program; Secondary After-School Tutoring grades 7-9 and 12; and Project Success. A description of each of these six components can be found in Appendix C.

The broad goals of these basic CE programs were to: 1) provide intensive academic instruction to the educationally disadvantaged, 2) involve parents in the program, 3) supply students with incentives for academic achievement, 4) operate staff inservice programs, 5) measure academic growth, and 6) prepare students to effectively meet the academic competition of the general classroom. These goals are the focus of the Compensatory Education Department's activities throughout the 1992-93 school year.



PROCESS EVALUATION PROCEDURES

A process evaluation involves monitoring a program throughout the year to determine if the program is being implemented as planned. This makes it possible to identify strengths and weaknesses that influence a program's outcome.

This year's process evaluation efforts, again as last year's, focused on supportive services provided by the pupil service team (consisting of counselors, social worker, psychologist and building staff) and Project Success (special assistance program for students who have not shown positive academic growth for the past two years). A questionnaire was used to gather information about the operation of the pupil service team (PST) and Project Success (see Appendix D for a copy). All building principals (with one or more compensatory education students who have not shown substantial positive academic growth for the two past years in compensatory education) were mailed the questionnaire on January 18, 1993. The building principal along with the assigned school social worker were to jointly complete the questionnaire concerning the operation of the building's PST and its interaction with Project Success staff members. The completed questionnaires were to be returned via interoffice mail by January 29, 1993.



PRESENTATION OF PROCESS DATA

The 1992-93 Chapter 1/Article 3 Pupil Service Team (PST) Process Evaluation Questionnaire was sent out to the 17 building principals on January 18, 1993. As of February 12, 1993 when the results were tabulated, 5 of 5 (100.0%) of the secondary and 12 of 12 (100.0%) of the elementary principals had returned the questionnaire. The detailed tabulated results are presented in Appendix D.

What follows are the salient points stemming from this year's process evaluation efforts into the operation of the Pupil Service Team (PST) and Project Success. These service groups were to develop a program of remedial services for each of a select group of compensatory education pupils (students who did not show substantial progress in the program for the last two consecutive years). The major points relative to PST operations and the Project Success operations will be shared. Finally the primary points relating to improving the operations of PST/Project Success in the future will be presented.

Pupil Service Team

- A majority 13 of 17 (76.5%) of the PST's first meetings were between August 30, 1992 and September 26, 1992 with the remaining 4 of 17 (23.5%) taking place from September 27, 1992 until some time into October, 1992.
- The modal number of PST meetings held as of January 15, 1993 was eight with the actual range from 4 to 11 meetings during this time perid.
- The length of a typical PST meeting was 50 minutes (median) with the actual range from 30 to 120 minutes.
- A majority of building's PST meetings 10 of 17 or 58.8% are scheduled on a biweekly basis with the remainder scheduled weekly 11.8%, monthly 11.8%, weekly/biweekly 11.8%, and biweekly/monthly 5.9%.



- The three most frequent regular members of the PST included the following: building administrator (100.0%), social worker (100.0%), and school psychologist (82.3%).
- The three most frequent occasional members of the PST included the following: compensatory education teacher (73.3%), classroom teacher (53.3%), and outreach worker (46.7%).
- All 17 buildings PST meetings are chaired by a social worker and of these 12 (70.6%) of the social workers are either the primary person to maintain minutes or have shared responsibilities to maintain the minutes.
- From the number of completed student improvement plans, it appears most, if not all, of the "two or more year students" from compensatory education have a completed student improvement plan.
- Approximately a third (35.7%) of the buildings feel that providing parent notification and seeking parent permission forms slows down the process of providing services to selected compensatory education students.
- Almost half (47.0%) of the buildings have had other problems in completing the student improvement plans.
- Approximately 15 students on the "two or more year" list still needs a written student improvement plan. Of these only one may require further evaluations.
- The number one student need addressed on student improvement plans is <u>academic</u> followed in order by social behavior, attendance and emotional were tied, family, and health.
- The median number of review meetings held to date was two.
- Almost all respondents to the survey (16 of 17 or 94.1%) had attended the inservice session concerning PST/Project Success held this fall.
- Of the 16 buildings attending the inservice, 7 of 16 (43.8%) rated its overall effectiveness to improve practices in the PST process as good to excellent.
- Approximately half (47.1%) Eelt the PST forms improved since last year.



Project Success

- A little less than half (41.2%) believe the communication process concerning PST and Project Success has improved.
- The three most frequently mentioned activities/services of Project Success were the following: after-school study center (82.3%), mentoring program (35.3%), and adopt-a-school (23.5%).
- Considering the work done so far this year by Project Success staff to provide services, 6 of the 17 (35.2%) building principals rated their services either excellent or good.

Recommendations to Improve PST and Project Success

The following were some of the most frequently mentioned recommendations offered by staff. The complete set of recommendations by appropriate question can be found in Appendix D.

- More time should be made available to meet with concerned staff so a comprehensive/complete plan can be developed.
- A reduction in paper work (or more time to complete this paper work) should be instituted so that the PST process could move along more quickly.
- Employ Project Success people during the summer to obtain signatures of parents so the process would not be slowed down at the start of school.
- Add more social workers so that the PST process could move more quickly forward.
- Redesign home evaluation forms to obtain essential information to speed process along. Also simplify forms and data required wherever possible.
- Provide buildings with the list of compensatory education students earlier.
- Require parents to meet with the social worker as part of enrollment process to sign notification forms and complete student histories.
- All PST forms need to be assembled into one packet just like the special education forms.
- Include Project Success on forms as a referral option.
- More team work needs to be developed between the social worker and the outreach workers.



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APPENDIX A

CHECKLIST FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

(Conditions Under Which the HOTS Program is Effective for Chapter 1 and LD Students)

HOTS is a general thinking skills program designed primarily for Chapter 1 and mildly impaired Learning Disabled students in Grades 5-8. The thinking skills are designed to also enhance social interaction and basic skills. HOTS students are currently out-performing national averages for basic skill gains in reading and math, and the program has been validated by the National Diffusion Network.

HOTS represents a new approach to compensatory education. Instead of reteaching the information the students did not previously learn. HOTS provides the types of thinking skills that students need to be able to learn content the first time it is taught in the classroom. Producing basic skill gains, however, requires implementing the program in accordance with the recommendations that follow-

- 1. HOTS requires a very good teacher. A weak teacher simply cannot be successful. The pedagogical techniques are very sophisticated. The ideal teacher is someone who is very bright, energetic, flexible yet organized, and who above all loves to get kids to talk.
- 2. HOTS requires a good overall school improvement effort in the regular classroom. HOTS is designed to help a good, or improving, school get better. HOTS should not be implemented in a school with a weak staff, or where extensive school improvement has not already taken place. Since HOTS does not teach content, if the needed content is not covered in the regular classes, basic skills scores will not go up. This means high time-on-task, and quality direct instruction each day in reading and math activities aligned with test objectives.
- 3. Proper scheduling. The HOTS program is designed to substitute for, and replace, the remedial activities in the school. It needs a minimum of 35 minutes of instruction a day, 4 days a week, on an ongoing basis for 12-2 years. This can be done either as a pullout or as a separate course. Schools that want to raise math scores can optionally use the fifth day, or 10-15 minutes at the end of each period, for computerized math drill and practice.

Students should ideally be kept in the program for 11-2 years, even if they test out at the end of the first year. This extra service is legal and helps students automate their new problem solving skills. First and second year HOTS students should be in separate sections.

Students should be put into HOTS at the lowest grade level in the school (or when they first arrive). HOTS can be implemented either with a limited number of students, or as a school-wide model serving all needy students at the lowest grade level.

A teacher in handle up to about 10 students at a time with 9 Apple II computers. A teacher and aide can handle up to about 16 students at a time with 13-15 computers.* Other pupilteacher ratios with various combinations of personnel can be considered. HOTS project staff will assist in identifying other possible combinations.

- * (It's possible to do the program in the first year with a few less computers, but only for a year.)
- Quality, classroom instruction available to HOTS students. It is critical that HOTS students get good content instruction in reading and math in their regular classes.

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APPENLIX A

5. Proper budgeting. Costs include: a) purchasing the needed equipment from local vendors, and b) training and support costs. The training and support costs per school are as follows:

Number of students served	Up to 25	<u>25-85</u>	More than 85
First year *	\$750	\$900	\$1100
Second year	300	400	600
Thereafter	50	50	100

 Includes the support fee for the school and training one HOTS teacher and aide. Each additional HOTS teacher adds \$450 to the first year costs. (No added cost the second year).

The support fee includes the curriculum, phone support, the HOTSTUFF newsletter, videotapes, and updates for as long as you use the program.

- 6. General support by the principal. There are a number of general leadership activities that increase the effectiveness of the program. The most important leadership activity is to implement and monitor a good overall school effectiveness program. It is also important to support the HOTS teacher who will have to work very hard, particularly the first year when the curriculum and techniques are unfamiliar. Additional support needs include:
 - a) HOTS linkage activities consist of HOTS students writing eight questions and answers around a block of content every three weeks. These questions and an were are then brought to the HOTS lab and entered into the computer to make game, and quizzes based on the content. Content teachers interested in working with the students on their writing of the questions in their class should be identified and encouraged to work with the HOTS students.
 - b) Schedule presentations about HOTS for the entire staff early in the school year. This includes a 15 minute video overview of the program, and a 1½—2 hour workshop to train content area teachers on how to help students write questions. The latter should be conducted within the first three months by the HOTS teacher.
 - c) Support public display of the HOTS students' prowess.
- 7. Evaluating HOTS instruction. DO NOT USE EEI EVALUATION TECHNIQUES. HOTS lessons are different. The best measure of the HOTS teacher's effectiveness is the number of complete answers he/she obtains from students—as opposed to one word answers—without giving obvious hints. The more one-word answers or hints, the weaker the lesson. There should be little talk by the teacher, and a lot by the students.

DO NOT WORRY IF EARLY IN A UNIT STUDENTS SEEM CONFUSED ABOUT HOW TO PROCFED. Learning to use textual information to deal with uncertainty is one of the key skills that HOTS develops. The students will be successful by the end of the unit.

Feel free to contact Dr. Stanley Pogrow if you have further questions. Dr. Pogrow can be reached at: University of Arizona, College of Education, Tucson AZ 85721 or at (602) 621-1305.



APPENDIX B

1992-93 COUNT OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS*

PROGRAM: Tota	l Chapter l							
<u>Buildi</u>	ng <u>K</u>	_1	_2	_3	_4	_5	_6	Total
E. Baill	ie 0	32	22	12	35	36	25	162
Coulter	0	15	19	9	7	16	8	74
Emerson	0	23	18	31	30	31	18	151
Fuerbrin	ger 0	17	14	16	8	11	11	77
N. Haley	0	17	11	16	11	33	24	112
Handley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Heavenri	.ch 0	25	18	26	19	33	27	148
Herig	0	17	16	30	9	18	12	102
Houghton	0	10	20	17	7	14	6	74
Jerome	0	12	17	17	16	8	15	85
Jones	0	9	20	17	11	15	10	82
Kempton _.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Longfell	.ow 0	. 19	40	53	27	20	25	184
Longstre	eet 0	18	4	24	17	13	10	86
J. Loomi	.s 0	42	32	33	37	20	14	178
M. Park	0	25	28	26	20	15	16	130
C. Mille	er 0	27	6	11	11	8	14	77
J. Moore	0	18	13	17	12	19	14	93
Morley	0	31	22	14	12	10	13	102
J. Rouse	0	11	18	25	12	11	25	102
Salina	0	32	18	11	15	5	15	96
Stone	0	22	21	21	21	24	15	124
Webber B	Elem. 0	28	40	27	34	25	26	180
Zilwauke	ee 0	1	8	12	4	5	7	37

^{*}Count as of December 10, 1992 computer run that included all participants.

TOTAL



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1992-93 COUNT OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS*

PROCRAM: Total Chapter 1

<u>Building</u>	_7	8	_9	Total
Central Junior	96	87	41	224
North Intermediate	21	16	66	103
South Intermediate	2	0	0	2
Webber Junior	65	95	96	256
TOTAL	184	198	203	585

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1992-93 COUNT OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS*

PROGRAM: Total Chapter 1

Building	10	11	12	Total
Arthur Hill	0	0	0	0
Saginaw High	19	65	24	108
TOTAL	19	65	24	108

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1992-93 COUNT OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS*

PROGRAM: Total Article 3

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0	32	0	12	35	36	25	140
0	0	19	0	7	16	0	42
0	0	18	31	30	0	0	79
0	0	0	16	8	11	11	46
0	0	11	16	11	0	0	38
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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^{*}Count of December 10, 1992 computer run that included all participants.

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1992-93 COUNT OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS*

PROGRAM: Total Article 3

Building	7	_8_	9	Total
Central Junior	0	8 7	41	128
North Intermediate	21	16	66	103
South Intermediate	66	36	45	147
Webber Junior	0	95	96	191
TOTAL	87	234	248	569

^{*}Count as of December 10, 1992 computer run that included all participants.

APPENDIX 3

1992-93 COUNT OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS*

PROGRAM: Total Article 3

Building	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	12	<u>Total</u>
Arthur Hill	σ	0	0	0
Saginaw High	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	o

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1992-93 COUNT OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS*

PROGRAM: Total Compensatory Education

Building	K	_1	_2	_3	_4	_5	_6	Total
E. Baillie	0	32	22	12	35	36	25	162
Coulter	0	15	19	9	7	16	8	74
Emerson	0	23	18	31	30	31	18	151
Fuerbringer	0	17	14	16	8	11	11	77
N. Haley	0	17	11	16	11	33	24	112
Handley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Heavenrich	0	25	18	26	19	33	27	148
Herig	0	17	16	30	9	18	12	102
Houghton	0	10	20	17	7	14	6	74
Jerome	0	12	17	17	16	8	15	85
Jones	0	9	20	17	11	15	10	32
Kempton	0	12	6	8	7	0	5	38
Longfellow	0	19	40	53	27	20	25	184
Longstreet	0	18	4	24	17	13	10	86
J. Loomis	0	42	32	33	37	20	14	178
M. Park	0	25	28	26	20	15	16	130
C. Miller	0	27	6	11	11	8	14	77
J. Moore	. 0	18	13	17	12	19	14	93
Morley	0	31	22	14	12	10	13	102
J. Rouse	0	11	18	25	12	11	25	102
Salina	0	32	18	11	15	5	15	96
Stone	0	22	21	21	21	24	15	124
Webber Elem.	0	28	40	27	34	25	26	180
Zilwaukee	0	1	8	12	4	5	7	37
TOTAL	0	463	431	473	382	390	355	2,494

^{*}Count of December 10, 1992 computer run that included all participants.

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1992-93 COUNT OF PROCRAM PARTICIPANTS*

PROGRAM: Total Compensatory Education

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^{*}Count as of December 10, 1992 computer run that included all participants.



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4. AVERAGE WEEKLY TIME SERVED

5. COORDINATION PLAN

The Pupil Service Teams will provide information and training to parents, teachers, and principals on the purpose and services available from the teams. The Pupil Service Teams will coordinate their efforts with the Chapter 1 and regular education teachers to plan and implement alternative instructional methods, techniques, or adjustments which could be made in the classroom. Assistance will also be provided in dealing with socio-emotional and behavioral problems.

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AFPENDIX D

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF SAGINAM DEPARTMENT OF EVALUATION, TESTING AND RESEARCH

TO: Building Principals

FROM: Richard N. Claus QNU

RE: 1992-93 Chapter 1/Article 3 Pupil Service Team (PST) Process

Evaluation Questionnaire.

DATE: January 18, 1993

As a part of the Compensatory Education Process Evaluation, each building is being sent the attached questionnaire relative to PST activities and Project Success services. The Evaluation Department is seeking your responses to the questions as building principal in concert with your assigned social worker and member of the PST. The responses will be tabulated by the Evaluation Department and will be held in confidence.

Please return the completed questionnaire to me no later than January 29, 1993. If there is a problem with this timeline or any question related to this survey, please do not hesitate to contact me at extension 307.

RWC/gal

Attachment



1992-93 CHAPTER 1/ARTICLE 3 PUPIL SERVICE TEAM (PST) PROCESS EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE (N=17)

DIRECTIONS:

This questionnaire is intended to be completed by each building's principal in cooperation with your assigned social worker. Please answer each question as it pertains to the <u>actual</u> operation of the PST at this building during the 1992-93 school year.

1. When was the first meeting of the PST held this school year?

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Sept. 6 - Sept. 13 - Sept. 20 - Sept. 27 -	Sept. 5, 1992 Sept. 12, 1992 Sept. 19, 1992 Sept. 26, 1992 Oct. 3, 1992 October, 1992	1 2 8 2 3 1	5.9 11.8 47.0 11.8 17.6 5.9
TOTAL		17	100.0

2. As of January 15, 1993, how many PST meetings have been held this school year?

Number	_#_	-8
4	1	5.9
6	4	23.5
7	2	11.8
8	5	29.4
10	3	17.6
11	_2_	11.8
Total	17	100.0

1992-93 CHAPTER 1/ARTICLE 3 PUPIL SERVICE TEAM (PST) PROCESS EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE (CONT.)

3. What is the approximate length in minutes of a typical PST meeting?

<u>Minutes</u>	#_	8
30 40 45 50 67.5 75	1 2 2 4 1 1	5.9 11.8 11.8 23.5 5.9 5.9 23.5
120	1	5.9
TOTAL	17	100.1*

^{*}Due to rounding.

4. Which of the following, if any, best describes the frequency of your PST meetings this school year? (Check one)

Frequency	_#_	<u>-\$</u>
Weekly Biweekly Monthly Weekly/Biweekly	2 10 2 2	1'.8 58.8 11.8 11.8
Biweekly/Monthly	1_	5.9.
TOTAL	17	100.1*

^{*}Due to rounding.

5. Has your PST established a meeting calendar or schedule? (Check one)

1992-93 CHAPTER 1/ARTICLE 3 PUPIL SERVICE TEAM (PST) PROCESS EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE (CONT.)

6. Who are the regular members of the PST? Please include each members name and their role/position.

Role/Position	#	-8
Building Administrator	17	100.0
Second and Third Building Administrators	1	5.9
Administrative Intern	1	5.9
Social Worker	1 7	100.0
School Psychologist	14	82.3
First Counselor	5	29.4
Second Counselor	5	29.4
Third Counselor	1	5.9
Classroom Teacher	3	17.6
Compensatory Education Teacher	2	11.8
Special Education Coordinator	1	5.9
Speech Teacher	1	5.9
Project Success Worker	1	5.9
Resource Officer	1	5.9
Home/School Aide	1	5.9

7. Are there staff members who are occasionally part of this building's PST? (Check one)

No 2 11.8 Yes 15 88.2 If yes, p	lease list their names and
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TOTAL 17 100.0 Role/Posi	tion #

Role/Position	#	-3
Compensatory Education Teacher	11	73.3
Classroom Teacher	8	53.3
Outreach Worker	7	46.7
Speech Pathologist	5	33.3
Home/School Aide	3	20.0
Parent	3	- 20.0
Bilingual Teacher	1	6.7

1992-93 CHAPTER 1/ARTICLE 3 PUPIL SERVICE TEAM (PST) PROCESS EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE (CONT.)

8. Who is the chairperson of your PST?

Role/Position	#	-8
Social Worker	17	100.0

9. Are minutes maintained for each PST meeting?

	#_	<u>-8</u>	
No	1	5.9	
Yes	16	94.1	If minutes are maintained, who takes and maintains these minutes?

Role/Position	#	3
Social Worker	11	58.8
Split Responsiblity of Social Worker & Speech Teacher	l	5.9
Compensatory Education Teacher	l	5.9
Librarian	1	5.9
Counselor	1	5.9
Psychologist	1	5.9
TOTAL	16	99.8*

*Due to rounding.

1992-93 CHAPTER 1/ARTICLE 3 PUPIL SERVICE TEAM (PST) PROCESS EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE (CONT.)

10. Completing written student improvement plans for compensatory education students is one function of the PST. To date, how many plans for compensatory education students have been written?

Number	#	8
0	2	11.8
1	2	11.8
2	1	5.9
3	3	17.5
4	1	5.9
7	1	5.9
8	1	5.9
9	1	5.9
12	1	5.9
22	1	5.9
35-40	1	5 . 9
42	1	5.9
44	1	<u>5.9</u>
TOTAL	17	100.2*

^{*}Due to rounding.

11. Of this number, how many are from your "two or more year students" listing of compensatory education students who demonstrated a gain of two NCE units or less on one or more of the four <u>California Achievement Tests</u> (CAT) subtests?

Number	#_	8
Not Applicable 1 2 3 4 7 8 11 35-40 42 44	1 1 3 4 2 1 1 1 1 1	5.9 5.9 17.6 23.5 11.8 5.9 5.9 5.9 5.9
TOTAL	17	100.1*

*Due to rounding.

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12. Does contacting the parent and having them complete the parent notification and parent permission forms slow you down in providing services to the "two or more year compensatory education students?"

	#	-8	
No	11	64.7	
Yes	6	35.3	If yes, what can be done to accelerate the process so students can start receiving
TOTAL	17	100.0	services of Project Success sconer?

- Add more social workers (2)
- Have 12 month Project Success people obtain signatures during the summer (2)
- Provide buildings with the list of students in late August or early September (1)
- Require parent to meet with the social worker as part of enrollment process to sign notification form and complete student history (1)
- Allow us to start before parent permission
- 13. Have there been other problems in completing written student improvement plans for two or more year compensatory education students?

	#	8	
Not Applicable	1.	5.9 47.0	
Yes	13	47.0	If yes, please list these problems
TOTAL	17	99.9	briefly from those occurring most often to those occurring infrequently.

- Caseload too high (2)
- Single parent or two working parents (2)
- No telephones (2)
- Home evaluation form takes a lot of time (2)
- Too time consuming (1)
- Some confusion about who fills out what (1)
- Hard to get everything back together to fill-in (1)
- Some parents refuse service for their kids (1)
- Scheduling everyone needed for the meetings (1)

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- 14. Michigan Department of Education staff have informed our district that we are too slow with out Compensatory Education Program in completing the Student Improvement Plans. How could we accelerate the process to get two or more year compensatory education students into Project Success services earlier?
 - Too much responsibility on social worker (3)
 - Simplify forms and data required (2)
 - Get parent signatures earlier (2)
 - Better the ratio between the students and the workers/ staff (2)
 - Provide the list of students to the buildings earlier (2)
 - Cut down the paper work (1)
 - Coordinate efforts better with Project Success (1)
 - Have Project Success do the home evaluations (1)
 - Have fewer two year students (1)
 - Provide social worker/chairperson with a copy of all updated listings (1)
 - Require the parent to meet with the social worker as part of the student enrollment process (1)
- 15. How many "' or more year students" on the plan of improvement list still need a written student improvement plan?

Number	#_	3	
0 1 Not Applicable	1 15 <u>1</u>	5.9 88.2 5.9	Of these students how many require further evaluations, such that a
TOTAL	17	100.0	written student improvement plan can be formulated?

- One transfer student
- 16. On the basis of written student improvement plans to date, please give a ranking (1 = Most Often to 6 = Least Often) of the student needs most often included in these plans.

Student Needs	Average Ranking
Academic	2.0
Social Behavior	2.8
Attendance	3.5
Emotional	3.5
Family	4.2
Health	5.3
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17. If there are reoccurring actions (typical activities) for many students in a particular need area. Please list them by need area below.

Need Areas Actions To Be Taken - Tutoring after school (12) Academics: - Tutoring before school (2) -- Tutoring by high school student (1) - Tutoring at lunch (1) -- Parent/teacher conferences (3) - EXTRA (2) -- Weekly progress report (1) - Reduce assignments and then gradually increase (2) - Peer learning (cooperative learning) (2) — Counseling (2) -- Parent volunteers (1) - READ (1) -- Classroom strategies (1) - Consult with teacher (1) -- Focus of student deficiencies on CAT test (1) - Compensatory education services (1) -- Assignment notebooks (1) - TAP program (1) -- Junior REAP (1)

Attendance:

- -- Home visits (4)
- Monitoring by home school aide (4)
- Progress reports/letters (4)
- -- Every other day monitoring (3)
- Monitoring by Project Success outreach worker (3)
- Counseling (2)
- Social worker interventions (1)
- Resource officers (1)
- -- Court referrals (1)
- A stipend to reward students and their families (1)

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17. (Continued)

Need Areas Actions To Be Taken Social Behavior: - Social worker interventions (6) - Counseling (5) - Modeling (4) -- Parent conferences/contact (3) Monitoring/progress reports (2) -- Consultations with Project Success (2) - Praise (2) -- Daily behavior checklists signed by every teacher (2) Self-development and self-esteem programs (1) - Behavior management (1) -- Administration (1) — Suspensions (1) - Board hearings (1) Emotional: - Referrals to school social worker (8) - Counseling (6) -- Referrals to outside agencies (3) — Parent conferences (3) - Consultations with Project Success (3) - Medical referrals (2) - Behavior management program developed in school with parent (1) - Referral to school psychologist (1) Family: - Home visit by social worker (6) - Home visit by Project Success outreach worker (5) - Information/referrals to community programs (4) - Parent conferences (4) - Behavior management program developed in school with parent (2) -- Counseling (2) -- Social worker intervention (2) - Behavior intervention checklist (1) -- Monitoring (1) - Transportation (1)

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17. (Continued)

Health:

-- Referrals to nursing services and/or physicians (5)

-- Project Success outreach worker referrals to doctor and clinic to provide transportation (4)

-- Social worker intervention (2)

-- Counseling (1)

-- Speech and hearing teacher referrals (1)

-- Medicine administration in building (1)

-- Documents from medical doctor (1)

- Prevention program (1)

13. To date, how many review meetings, if any, have been held?

Number of Meetings	#	8
0	3	17.6
1	4	23.5
2	4	23.5
3	1	5.9
5	1	5.9
6	1	5.9
35	1	5.9
Many at each meeting	1	5.9
Not Applicable	1	<u>5.9</u>
TOTAL	17	100.0

... If some have been held, how many "two or more year students" have been processed to date:

Number	#	
1	5	50.0
2	3	30.0
4	1	10.0
<u>18</u>	1	10.0
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19. Did you attend the inservice session concerning PST/Project Success held this fall?

Response	*		
No	1	5.9	
Yes	<u>16</u>	94.1	Ií ye
TOTAL	17	100.0	of the

.. Ií yes, what was your overall assessment of the effectiveness of the inservice to improve practices in the PST process? (Check one)

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Excellent Good Average Fair Poor No Response	2 5 5 3 1 1	11.8 29.4 29.4 17.6 5.9 5.9
TOTAL	17	100.0

Comments

- Staff members not sensitive to the number of students needing processing and the limited time and people resources to accomplish the task (3)
- Material presented could have been put in a memo (1)
 - Confusion over who could be referred (1)
 - Told us things we already knew and had done (1)
 - Very informative (1)
 - Need more direction in completing paper work (1)



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20. Overall, have the PST forms improved since last year?

No 8 47.1 ... If no, what area(s) have the forms gotten worse or stayed the same?

- All forms need to be in one packet like special education (2)
- Basically the same forms(2)
- Project Success not on form as referral option (1)
- Completion of section two regarding types of instruction the student has received (1)

Yes 8 47.1 ... If yes, what area(s) have the forms gotten better?

- More space to write in and less duplication (3)
- Parent notification/authorization form (2)
- More pertinent information (2)
- More comprehension (1)
- Less time consuming (1)
- Action plan form (1)
- Easier to complete (1)

^{*}Due to rounding.

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21. Overall this school year, has the communication process concerning PST and Project Success improved, stayed the same, or gotten worse? (Check one)

	#	
Improved	7	41.2
Stayed the same	6	35.3
Gotten worse	3	17.6
Not Applicable	1	5.9
TOTAL	17	100.0

Comments

- More team work between the social worker and outreach worker is needed (2)
- Qualified people spread too thin (1)
- Have not received written progress reports from Project Success (1)
- Fewer options for helping students with greater needs (1)
- Less contact in our elementary school (1)
- New staff, both of them are conscientious workers (1)
- 22. Which of the following Project Success activities/services have been implemented for the benefit of your students? (Check all that apply)

Project Success Activities/Services	_#_	<u>-8</u>
After school study center	14	82.3
Mentoring program	6	35.3
Adopt-a-school	4	23.5
Parent training/information	2	11.8
GAP	1	5.9
Before school tutoring (7:45 to 8:30 a.m.)	1	5.9
Use of high school honor students as tutors	1	5.9
Program for 10-12 grade students	1	5.9



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23. Considering the work done so far this school year by Project Success staff to provide linkages with other agencies, offer services, and give insight; how would you rate the overall effectiveness of the Project Success staff member(s) in doing this job? (Check one)

	#_	<u>*</u>
Excellent Good Average Fair Poor No Response	2 4 6 1 2	11.8 23.5 35.3 5.9 11.8 11.8
TOTAL	17	100.1*

^{*}Due to rounding.

Comments:

- Need more people on staff (3)
- They do a good job with the services they provide (1)
- They do not provide linkages with any other agencies (1)
- Visits and contacts seem to be instigating adjudication rather than remediation (1)





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- 24. What other changes, if any, could be made to improve the PST process?
 - Allow more time to meet with concerned staff (4)
 - Less paper work or more time to complete it (3)
 - None (2)
 - Diversify services of compensatory education teachers to do more than pull-out (2)
 - Project Success workers should be able to work with more than two year students (1)
 - Consistency in the listing of students to be served (1)
 - Training for teachers about PST and what qualifies a kid for special education (1)
 - Follow-up on strategies (1)
 - o A social worker should be hired for Project Success (1)
 - Administration should be represented at each meeting (1)
 - Develop a plan that focuses on a positive and nuturing environment to increase daily student attendance (1)



